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Mr. Enrique Manzanilla  
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Dear Mr. Manzanilla:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, 2019 concerning your proposed approach to moving forward with the *Parcel G Removal Site Evaluation Work Plan, Former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard*. The Navy has been working with your agency over the past year on how to conduct radiological rework at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) and we appreciate your input, patience, and attendance at countless meetings to identify the best method for resampling. We have not yet finalized the Draft Final Work Plan (Work Plan), submitted in November 2018, to allow time for further discussion with the regulatory agencies.

The Navy is working diligently to finalize the Work Plan. It has become critical that we receive agency concurrence on the soil reference background testing section of the Work Plan immediately so we can complete the soil reference background field work in sufficient time to support radiological rework prior to the 2020 rainy season. If we are not able to initiate the background testing this spring, we anticipate delays in the subsequent rework at HPNS, with concomitant effects on property transfer dates. We ask that you reinforce the priority of this action with your staff and provide your review and concurrence with the Navy Responses to Comments (RTCs) sent to you on May 13, 2019 by May 31, 2019 so we can finalize the Work Plan by June 10, 2019. Our goal is to initiate background sampling in June 2019 and avoid lengthy wet season delays.

We look forward to your concurrence on the background sampling and finalization of the Work Plan to begin the radiological retesting of HPNS.

Sincerely,

  
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Director

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